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Travis Patron
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Subject: Application to register a political party – Canadian Nationalist Party / Parti Nationaliste Canadien

Dear Travis Patron:

We are in receipt of your application to register the political party “Canadian Nationalist Party / Parti Nationaliste Canadien” and its logo, under the *Canada Elections Act*. The application and memberships were received in our office on April 17, 2019, with a second batch of membership forms received on April 23, 2019. We also acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the resolution appointing the leader, filed in accordance with paragraph 385(2)(d) of the Act.

We will examine your application for registration in order to determine whether the party is eligible for registration under section 387 of the Act. The Chief Electoral Officer must be satisfied that a party seeking registration meets all the requirements of the Act. This includes verifying that 250 electors are party members and support the party’s application for registration. A detailed review process will begin shortly.

All registration applications received after April 1, 2019, must include a copy of the party’s policy for the protection of personal information and the address of where the policy is published online. Failure to comply with this new requirement will prevent a party from becoming registered.

The new provisions specify the elements that must be included in the policy. These include statements on the types of personal information the party collects and how it uses and protects that information. The list of elements and relevant provisions are attached.

Although the new provisions establish requirements for parties to inform Canadians on how they collect, protect and use personal information of electors, parties can adopt more robust policies in line with recognized privacy standards, such as the ability for electors to know what information parties have about them and the ability to amend or withdraw their information if they do not want a particular party, or any party, to have it. It

is incumbent on parties to protect the personal information they have under their control. The Chief Electoral Officer encourages all parties to adopt a robust privacy policy in keeping with recognized standards for the protection of personal information.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) prepared guidelines for political parties to facilitate the drafting of the policy. The OPC also suggests best practices for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. The document is attached to this letter. The information is also available on the OPC's website at https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/privacy-topics/collecting-personal-information/gd_pp_201904.

The party's privacy policy can be sent to us using one of the following options:

- Email: political.financing@elections.ca
- Fax: 1-877-877-9517
- Mail: Elections Canada
Registration Unit, Political Financing
30 Victoria Street, Gatineau
K1A 0M6

Once we have completed the verification process, the Chief Electoral Officer will review the application to determine whether he is satisfied that it fulfills all the legal requirements, including whether the party name and logo is confusing with that of a registered or eligible party. The Chief Electoral Officer will communicate his decision on your party's eligibility for registration at that time.

Please note that an eligible party becomes registered when it endorses at least one candidate whose nomination has been confirmed by a returning officer in a general election or in a by-election, so long as it applied for registration at least 60 days before the issue of the writ or writs for that election, and the application has not been withdrawn.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please contact the Political Entities Support Network at 1-800-486-6563 or by fax at 1-877-877-9517.

Yours truly,



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c.c.: Canadian Nationalist Party Inc., Chief Agent